## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

**IN RE:** Application Of Verizon New England, Inc.

For A Cable Television Certificate of Authority : Docket No. 2007-C-3

To Operate For Service Areas 1 and 4

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On September 28, 2007, Verizon New England, Inc. ("Verizon") filed an application with the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") seeking Compliance Order Certificates for Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 1 and 4. Through this application filing, Verizon sought the first of three licensing certificates, which if the Division granted all, would enable Verizon to provide cable television services in the communities of Burrillville, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Woonsocket, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, and Central Falls (Service Area 1); and Pawtucket and East Providence (Service Area 4). The application was filed in conformance with the requirements of Section 3.3 of the Division's "Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Systems" ("Cable Rules"). After conducting a duly noticed public hearing on the matter, the Division granted Verizon's application for Compliance Order Certificates on March 7, 2008.

Subsequently, also on March 7, 2008, Verizon filed an application with the Division for Construction Certificates for Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 1 and 4. The application was filed in conformance with the requirements of Section 3.4 of the Division's Cable Rules. Through this second filing, Verizon sought the second of the three licensing certificates required to enable it to provide cable television services in Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 1 and 4. After conducting a duly noticed public hearing on Verizon's second application filing, the Division granted Verizon's application for Construction Certificates on May 19, 2007.

On May 19, 2008, Verizon filed an application for the third requisite licensing certificates, Certificates of Authority to Operate. This final application was filed pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Division's Cable Rules. The Division has scheduled and plans to conduct a public hearing on Verizon's final application filing at **10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 25, 2008**. The hearing will be held at the Division's Offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive evidence and argument from the parties of record and public comment on Verizon's filed application. Through the hearing process, the Division will determine if Verizon has complied with applicable statutes, the Cable Rules, and the conditions, terms, and requirements previously imposed by the Division.

The application is on file and available for inspection at the Division's Offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888.

The Division is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify Mr. Stephen Martin at 941-4500, extension 131, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Thomas F. Ahern Administrator June 12, 2008